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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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APPLICANTS :	Blackburn, <i>et al.</i>	CONFIRMATION NUMBER :	4288
SERIAL NUMBER :	09/967,321	EXAMINER :	Ann Y. Lam
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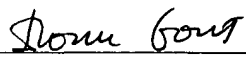
1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (1 page);
2. Amendment and Response to Final Office Action dated April 7, 2008 (12 pages);
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Respectfully submitted,

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